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Sir:

We have received the "Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt" mailed by the Patent Office on August 26, 2004 (the "Response").

The Response denied our request for a corrected filing receipt on the ground that "A copy of the Express Mail label was not enclosed with your request. Petitions under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 require a copy of the Express Mail label to be submitted."

Reconsideration is requested. 37 C.F.R. 1.10 (a)(2) provides that: "The date of deposit with USPS is shown by the 'date-in' on the 'Express Mail' mailing label or other official USPS notation." Along with the Request for Corrected Filing Receipt we enclosed a true copy of an "official USPS notation" which showed the date of deposit.

More specifically, we enclosed a "Track & Confirm" printout from the Express Mail website of the U.S. Postal Service. Another copy of the Track & Confirm printout is enclosed. This is an official document of the U.S. Postal Service. The Patent Office is able to visit the U.S. Postal Service website just as we did, enter the Express Mail number, and confirm that the Track & Confirm document that we have submitted is not a forgery.

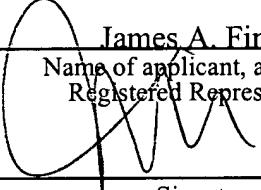
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It is submitted that no more proof of the date of USPS acceptance is needed. We have provided an official document of the U.S. Postal Service. Moreover, this document is independently available to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

In view of the foregoing, the Patent Office is requested to grant a filing date of March 22, 2004 and issue a corrected filing receipt.

I hereby declare that the fee for this petition may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700. However, if a petition fee is charged, an immediate refund of the petition fee is requested, since this petition is for correction of a Patent Office error.

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